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INFO AMEMBASSY NICOSIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L ANKARA 1643

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR CY TU

SUBJ: FRANCE REPLIES TO TURKISH-CYPRIOT NOTE ON PROPERTY CLAIMS

REF: NICOSIA 0786

1. WE HAVE SERIOUS DOUBTS ABOUT ADVISABILITY OF USG'S FOLLOWING NICOSIA'S SUGGESTION THAT WE MAKE DEMARCHE TO GOT ALONG LINES APPROACH MADE BY FRENCH EMBASSY HERE.

2. OUR FIRST RESERVATION IS POLITICAL. IT SEEMS TO US THAT RESTITUTION AND/OR COMPENSATION FOR PROPERTY IN TURKISH-HELD AREA OF CYPRUS WILL NOT, AS A PRACTICAL MATTER, BE ACHIEVABLE UNTIL THERE HAS BEEN AGREED SETTLEMENT ON THE CYPRUS QUESTION AMONG THE PARTIES DIRECTLY CONCERNED. THE USG IS ACTIVELY INVOLVED IN A PROCESS OF ENCOURAGING THE PARTIES TO WORK TOWARD SUCH A SETTLEMENT; FRANCE IS NOT. WE SHOULD NOT DIVERT THE USE OF OUR CAPITAL HERE IN ANKARA FOR WHAT WOULD ALMOST CERTAINLY BE A STERILE EXERCISE.

3. SECONDLY, WE HAVE LEGAL RESERVATIONS. WE REPEAT THE RECOMMENDATION MADE IN PARA 5 OF ANKARA 1427. SPECIFICALLY, WE ARE TROUBLED BY THE POSSIBILITY THAT OUR TAKING POSITION THAT TURKEY IS "OCCUPYING POWER" MIGHT RUN COUNTER TO SOME OF THE LEGAL DETERMINATIONS WE HAVE MADE SINCE JULY 20, 1974 AS TO TURKEY'S RIGHTS UNDER ZURICH AND LONDON AGREEMENTS. WE ALSO NOTE THAT TURKS HAVE ALREADY TOLD FRENCH THAT THEY WERE NOT "OCCUPYING POWER."

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4. WE HERE BELIEVE THAT BY OUR GIVING TIMELY NOTIFICATION

TO MFA, AND BY SIMILAR NOTIFICATION TO THE VARIOUS AUTHORITIES  
IN CYPRUS IN FORM APPROPRIATE TO EACH CASE, OF AMERICAN  
CITIZENS AND INTERESTS IN THE TURKISH-HELD AREA OF CYPRUS  
WE HAVE RESERVED OUR POSITION AND THERE IS NO DANGER THAT  
"IT MAY GO BY DEFAULT."  
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